

3 December 1986
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau -- November 1986

I. GENERAL

Two large U.S. Congressional delegations visited Thailand during November giving local officials and the press the opportunity to bring up a number of trade issues that have plagued relations over the past year and a half. The visit gave the Thais their first opportunity to see Congressman Jenkins up close. Although the textile bill he sponsored did not become law, it greatly agitated Thai businessmen and government officials and word is that similar restrictive U.S. legislation may be reintroduced this coming year. Apparently the U.S. and Thai officials now understand each other's viewpoints a little better. It has been difficult to combat the image of the United States as a major protectionist nation. However, in a major speech during the month by the American ambassador, he pointed out that Thailand's trade surplus with the U.S. for the current year is projected to be \$1 billion -- hardly the thing a great protectionist power would permit.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. On the 1st, the Pakistani radios changed their pattern of news broadcasts to an hourly format. The broadcasts, however, tend to be shorter with a shift toward Urdu and away from English becoming noticeable. South Asian monitors surveyed the newscasts and the necessary coverage changes were instituted. The unit carried out the survey while at the same time covering an outbreak of widespread violence in Pakistan during the first several days of the month.

2. A clandestine station representing Tamil separatists from Sri Lanka surfaced on the 6th, apparently broadcasting from India. The South Asian Unit's lone Tamil monitor now finds himself much more involved in that language than previously. The Bureau has been covering the station regularly since it was first observed and plans to formalize this arrangement during December.

3. NEAD picked up a number of Vietnamese press items early in the month to assist the Bangkok monitors in clearing a large backlog of radio items associated with preparations for the coming Vietnamese Communist Party congress. By month's end preparations appear to be almost completed and the congress has been announced for 15 December.

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4. The fourth Congress of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party was held between 13-15 November. While the Bureau had been watching for the congress for some time, the actual announcement came only 12 hours before the congress formally opened. The 3-man Lao unit worked long hard hours during and immediately following the congress to clear the speeches and reports carried by the radio and press agencies. Through an arrangement with the Embassy in Vientiane, the Bureau received a number of videotapes of congress material carried by Lao television. While the quality of the recordings left something to be desired, VSLs are being processed and the tapes forwarded to MOD.

5. From 15-17 November the leaders of the seven-nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) held their second annual summit meeting. The meeting was held in Bangalore, India and was well covered by Indian television as well as the radio. The South Asian Unit worked smoothly to file timely FYIs and quickly processed the various speeches from the two days during which open meetings were broadcast. The coverage from ROSET yielded a number of good television recordings of the proceedings, and VSLs were filed and the tapes forwarded to MOD.

6. November was the month of the South Asian Unit it seems. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and a large entourage visited India from the 25th to the 28th. Again television coverage from the ROSET figured prominently in the Bureau's efforts with major reports on Gorbachev's arrival, speech to Parliament, and his joint press conference with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi receiving broad play. The South Asian monitors worked very quickly and showed real dedication in processing the various speeches and reports on the visit, in some cases making schedule changes at very short notice. The unit showed a high degree of professionalism in covering the series of major events this month.

B. Lateral Services

Following the Lao party congress the Bureau received a request from the American Embassy in Vientiane for an analysis of the proceedings. The request was passed along to Analysis Group

C. Technical

1. The final alignment of the new microwave system was completed 5 November. The system is now fully operational and is working well. On 3 December the old microwave system was turned over to the Thai National Intelligence Agency.

2. Three low-noise amplifiers in the ROSET system were found to be defective and will be pouched to Headquarters for repair or replacement.

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3. The following non-expendable equipment was received during the month:

- Leavers-leeraser demagnetiser, Mdl LR71, no serial number.
- National Panasonic video camera Mdl WV-1460, S/N 51A05934 and National Panasonic wide angle lens, Mdl WV-LA8.
- 3 each National Panasonic video monitors, Mdl WV-5340, 9 inch, serial numbers 66I01204, 66I01208, 66I01220.
- 5 each Forum 88 PC/XT computer/w Forum keyboards and Taxan KX-1212-E monochrome monitors. Serial numbers W727204, W727291, W727256, W727352, and W727307.
- 2 each Epson printer, Mdl FX-85, 220 volts, 50/60 Hz; serial numbers 08049389 and 08049352.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Editor-trainee [] was promoted to GS-09 effective 9 November 1986. STAT

2. The position occupied by Technician [] was upgraded this month and his promotion to FBN-09, effective 7 December 1986, was approved. STAT

IV. VISITS

A. Director of FBIS [] visited the Bureau 13-16 November. STAT

B. On 13 November Dick Harvey, chief of the Technical Liaison Office of the Defense Attache Office, and his deputy, Paul Strassman, visited the Bureau for a briefing and tour.

C. Sgts Gleason and Delgado of the 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group based in Okinawa visited the Bureau on 26 November. They are interested in some of our lateral services as well as the DR and JPRS publications. In accordance with our suggestion, on their return they plan to contact the bureau in Okinawa to further pursue their requests.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

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Attachment: Monthly Production Report

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	748,600
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	277,970
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,478

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	20,825 min.	29,310 min.	265.00 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ROSET SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

INDIAN

Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	14,190
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MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English	11,210
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PHILIPPINES

Manila Television Feed in English	710
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SRI LANKA

Colombo Lanka Puwath in English	4,610
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IV. OUTPUT FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	20,690
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BANGLADESH

Dhaka Overseas Service in English	500
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	8,770
Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	720
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English	1,740

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>BRUNEI</u>			
Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English			180
<u>BURMA</u>			
Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	7,780		
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			160
<u>CAMBODIA</u>			
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	27,290		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		20,200	
Phnom Penh SPK in French		5,930	
Phnom Penh SPK in Vietnamese to KPL Vientiane		160	
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing International Service in Lao	180		
Beijing International Service in Thai	1,150		
Beijing in Cambodian to Cambodia	2,770		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam in English	2,880		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese	3,440		
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	7,210		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Khmer in Cambodian	9,000		
(Clandestine) Voice of the National Army Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	12,880		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	1,030		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Malaysia in Malay	2,490		
(Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam in Tamil	5,020		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		46,650	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	10,390		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	70,900		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	180		
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			1,600
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			760
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			2,140
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			1,440
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta International Service in English	2,580		
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	1,830		
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			1,350
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			580
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			450
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			440
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian			920
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Laos	78,000		
Vientiane KPL in English		38,010	
Vientiane SPK in Cambodian to SPK Phnom Penh		530	
Vientiane KPL in French to SPK Phnom Penh		220	
Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh		1,820	
Vientiane VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		1,950	
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	7,350		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	2,350		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	2,020		

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>MALAYSIA</u> (continued)			
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			830
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay			120
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	200		
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in English	930		
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	240		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	5,370		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	16,160		
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			500
Karachi DAWN in English			1,050
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	2,430		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			2,920
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	3,370		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	180		
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			60
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	4,890		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	2,520		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	2,520		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	4,770		
Bangkok First Army Division Radio in Thai	3,040		
Bangkok First Army Region in Thai	220		

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>THAILAND (continued)</u>			
Bangkok Television Service in Thai	1,310		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			28,910
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			5,950
Bangkok THE NATION in English			40,100
Bangkok XIN ZHONG YUAN RIBAO in Chinese			190
Bangkok ZHONG HUA RIBAO in Chinese			2,270
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			950
Bangkok NAEO NA in Thai			1,530
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			10,160
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			2,950
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Cambodian to Cambodia	630		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in English	4,870		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	134,400		
Hanoi VNA in English		1,330	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			11,890
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			1,490